



## Monthly Report July 2010

The following is a summary of activity of the Prevention Director and the BAY Team members in the month of July, 2010.

### **Community:**

The BAY Team is partnering with the Elks, the Barrington Police and the YMCA to offer three outdoor summer movies for teens and families. This community partnership will help provide three substance free events for local youth. We have held two very successful events so far.

The first event was on June 26<sup>th</sup>. We had 80 teens attend a concert followed by a showing of Toy Story 2. On July 17<sup>th</sup>, we had another performance by the Valar (a local band comprised of recent Barrington High School graduates) followed by a showing of Up. This was attended by over 100 youth and families.

The BAY Team is very excited about working with the Elks club and the YMCA on these community events.

### **Marijuana Subcommittee**

The BAY Team subcommittee on Marijuana continues to educate community members about the need to prevent youth use of marijuana in the community. This year's proposed state legislation to decriminalize or legalize marijuana did not pass. The BAY Team was one of the few voices advocating against the passage of these laws.

We are working on a "Then and Now" campaign to demonstrate that marijuana use is more dangerous now than it was back in the 60's and 70's. The group will continue to educate parents and legislators about the research based evidence on the dangers of this substance and its impact on the brain of a developing adolescent.

### **Monthly Parenting Tips**

Parenting tips are produced electronically for all of the school newsletters. They are also published with the support of Verizon and included in the Barrington Times every month. This month's message offers information on

### **Prevention Media:**

The BAY Team is mentoring a Barrington High School senior who is starting work on her senior project. The student will be helping the BAY Team with its Social Norms media campaign. The campaign will target middle school and younger high school students with a message that NOT all students drink. It is a way of getting younger people to understand the fact that a majority of high school students choose not to drink or use other drugs.

The students began filming Public Service Announcements at the high school this week. They will create a number of PSAs which will be showed at the high school, middle school and on the web in the coming school year. Verizon Wireless has been very supportive of BAY Team efforts and has helped with props for this.



Stephen Phelan, Manager of Verizon, with Bay Youth posters.

### **Drug Free Community Grant:**

The BAY Team Director and Project Manager have been meeting individually with BAY Team members to review the past year and plan for upcoming projects.

#### *Family Dinner Day*

Once again, a subcommittee of the BAY Team will meet during the summer to plan awareness activities to celebrate national Family Dinner Day. This year the event will be on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. We plan to work with the faith community, businesses, schools and community groups to raise awareness about this important and simple prevention tool.



### **Schools:**

We are working with the Athletic Director, George Finn, to produce a sports calendar with prevention messages on it for all parents of athletes. We will also be surveying parents at the Open House in September as well as planning another Blue Out event for the October Homecoming game.



Four students from Barrington attended Team Spirit, a conference for RI high school students with an emphasis on safe decision making. It is organized by MADD RI and held at Bryant College. The BAY Team underwrites the cost of students to attend this substance free conference.

As a side note, a four year alumni of the Bay Team, Stephen Panasuik, was the Team Leader for the Barrington contingent and spent his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday surrounded by teens who choose not to drink.

Stephen Panasuik at the outdoor movie!

